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Sewage chokes Hebbal Lake

Lake filled with untreated effluents, plastic, animal waste

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (Vinay Karekura &BCT)- Dumping of untreated sewage is impacting the ecosystem of the once clean and green Hebbal Lake. Black sewage, animal waste, plastic bottles and containers have been let out into the Lake through a major inlet and every day, gallons of untreated sewage enters the lake, killing it slowly.

Sewage flows from the Vijayanagar Water Tank area and surrounding places and many times dead animals are dumped into the waters along with animal waste discarded from meat shops. As a result, a horrible stink permeates the Lake and many a time, walkers have to cover their nostrils during their routine strolls.

Unfortunately, it is the same Lake that was dying years ago and was rejuvenated, boundaries fixed and beautified by Infosys Foundation. Now the situation is turning worse and the vast water body, home to many migratory birds, is choking, dying slowly.

New lease of life: The 54-acre Hebbal Lake was given a new lease of life by the Infosys Foundation which spent a whopping Rs. 107 crore. As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, money was pumped in to revive, beautify and infuse fresh water into the water body after blocking polluting industrial and commercial waste-carrying channels.

The Foundation, under the Chairmanship of Sudha Murty (now she is not the Chairperson), tied up with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and incorporated various works and technologies, including six Sewage Treatment Plants (STP), which fully recycle sewage before leaving it to the Lake. STPs collect more than 90 lakh litres of polluting water and release the treated water every day into the Lake.

(See LAKE on page 7)

New Year mood: Mad rush at temples, tourist spots

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (MTY&BS)- With the dawn of New Year 2023, a mad rush was witnessed at temples and tourist spots in the city this morning. While the devout-minded were heading towards the temples nearby, tourists were thronging various spots as the first day of the year coincided with Sunday, a general holiday.

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, one of the key spots for religious tourism, has been witnessing a sea of devotees, who with various vows were seen paying their obeisance at the feet of the presiding deity.

Apart from tourists and devotees, the residents of the Hill — for whom every auspicious day begins with the *darshan* of the Goddess — joined the serpentine queue outside the Temple.

As entry to the shrine had been prohibited from last night from 9 to 6 am today to check revellers, devotees were eagerly waiting to visit the temple for *darshan.*

Those who found it difficult to wait in the queue were seen praying to the Goddess from outside. The common prayer of everybody being peaceful and prosperous life during the year.

(See RUSH on page 7)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

STAR OF MYSORE
Wishes a happy and prosperous New Year 2023 to all its readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, delivery boys, agents and well-wishers.
— Management

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 1st January 2023

Selected for National-level Kalotsava competitions

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (SSM)- The Department of Public Instruction had organised District and State- level online competitions for students studying in High School and PU (Class 9 to Class 12) to explore their hidden talents in various fields.

This year, as many as 357 students from Mysuru district had taken part in the contest out of which 60 students were selected for State-level competitions. Out of 60, 10 students have bagged prizes in various contests making Mysuru District as Number One in the State-level contest.

Out of 10 students, 5 of them have bagged first prizes in the State-level contest and have been selected to the National-level Kalotsava competitions which will be held in January, 2023 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Following have been selected for National-level Kalotsava: Folk songs - Tejas (10th std) of Maragowdanahalli Government High School, K.R. Nagar; Visual Arts (2D) - Pallavi (10th std.) Musuvinakoppal Government High School, T. Narasipur; Visual Arts (3D) - Shakuntala (10th std.) of G.B. Saragur Government High School, H.D. Kote; Local games - Sanshray (10th std.) of The Christ Public School, Mysuru Rural; Classical Music - J. Purvi (PUC) of Mahajana PU College, Mysuru.

Prize winners of State-level Kalotsava are: Folk songs - 2nd prize, H.L. Purushotham (10th std.) of Manuganahalli Govt. High School, Hunsur; Folk Dance - 2nd prize, K.H. Arkesh (9th std.) of Attigodu Govt. High School, Periyapatna; Visual Arts (2D) -2nd prize, M. Chandru (9th std.) of Kademagunagahalli Government High School, Hunsur, and K. Roopa (10th std.) of G.B. Saragur Government High School; Drama - 3rd prize. C. Chandana (10th std.) of Savithri Convent, Mysuru North.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is not often that the death of one man signifies the death of a time. Of an entire generation. The last one standing of a historic club of legends — such as Alfredo Di Stefano, Johan Cruyff and Diego Maradona for instance — has left us. Edson Arantes Do Nascimento, better known by his childhood nickname Pelé, perhaps more than any of the others marked a before and after in the world perception of football; as a sport, as an industry, and even he himself becoming a pioneer of the celebrity-as-brand.

Born to play: ***The very concept of 'the beautiful game' has been attributed to him not just as its creator and main proponent but even as the first to coin the term. In his native Portuguese,*** *jogo bonito* ***is more akin to 'pretty game', even 'cute.' Beauty is almost too grand and sophisticated for the simplicity with which the young Pelé might have come up with the notion that this game which he appeared born to play, could best be described as something 'nice.'***

Legend has it that his own father, also a player though not fortunate enough to be able to make a living out of the sport, having to work instead as a janitor and cleaner in municipal buildings, wept so much when Uruguay beat Brazil in the 1950 World Cup final that his 10-year-old son promised he would one day win the thing himself. Such is the power of a grown man crying over an impressionable child, Pele went on to win the World Cup not just once but thrice. He statistics will be amply available over days to come. His almost 1,300 goals in almost 1,300 matches (including friendlies and tribute games) do not pay tribute to the sheer speed, elegance, and style of his game.

— Marcela Mora y Araujo in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

9-foot albino boa constrictor

Florida: A pair of professional snake wranglers were summoned to a Florida home where a 9-foot albino boa constrictor was found in the back yard. Rhett and Taylor Stanberry said they were called to a Naples home on a report of a huge white and yellow snake in the back yard and they arrived to find the trespassing reptile was a huge boa constrictor.

"That is one of the fattest -- that's a pet snake," Rhett Stanberry says in a video posted to the couple's YouTube channel, Tobie's Troop. "That is the fattest boa constrictor I have ever seen." The wranglers said the snake measured 9 feet, 5 inches long and weighed in at 52 pounds. The duo said the snake may have been a pet that escaped a few months earlier during Hurricane Ian. The Stanberrys said the snake will have a new home in a special enclosure at their facility.

Bride's incredible backbend

Delhi: Indian weddings are fun. From enthusiastic dance performances to indulging in delicious food, desi weddings are unmissable. A video has surfaced on the internet which shows a bride, dressed in a lehenga showing off her incredible flexibility.

Posted by an Instagram user Prachi Tomar, the video is from the Varmala ceremony. The video starts with the bride putting a garland around the groom's neck. Just as the groom decides to do the same, the bride makes it difficult for him to put the garland around her neck. The bride bends back in an arch even when clad in a heavy bridal lehenga. However, the groom was able to put the garland around the bride's neck. Along with the video, the caption reads, "When The Bride Took Yoga Too Seriously." The video was posted on Dec. 10, and so far it has amassed 1.7 million views with 1,44,000 views and several comments. Internet was amazed by the bride's act.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Urinary Incontinence happens to everyone with age.
Fact: Urinary leakage is not an inevitable part of aging. Even if it happens, it can be controlled or cured.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K.A. - Consultant – Urology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

EPFO Regional Office launches PRAYAAS initiative in Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Under PRAYAAS initiative, EPFO Regional Office, Mysuru, has initiated the process of settlement of pension claims of employees on the month of retirement. Towards this, the PF Office has settled 12 pension claims in Mysuru out of which 8 claims were from KSRTC in Dec. 2022.

Regional PF Commissioner (Pension), EPFO RO, Mysuru, along with KSRTC Divisional Controller distributed PPOs (Pension Payment Orders). All pensioners appreciated the efforts of EPFO Mysuru in disbursing their monthly pension and arrears before the end of December. RO Mysuru is taking all efforts to provide hassle-free services to subscribers, said Suman Saurav, Regional PF Commissioner - II, RO, Mysuru.

Subsidy to horticulture farmers

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (SSM)- The Horticulture Department has invited applications from farmers to avail subsidy to buy organic and bio-fertilisers under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

The subsidy will be given to encourage the cultivation of horticultural crops. Farmers may submit documents related to purchase of organic and bio-fertilisers from various organisations at the Horticulture Department and can avail subsidy upto 25 percent per hectare of land.

For non-harvest management activities in horticulture, 50 percent subsidy will be given for a farmer per hectare of land to buy 108 numbered plastic crate.

For details, call Assistant Horticulture Officers S. Shruthi (Kasaba Hobli) on Mob: 99013-84284, Venkatesh Murthy (Varuna Hobli) on Mob: 89046-73607, K.D. Vinuthan (Jayapura Hobli) on Mob: 96867-66291, A.S. Jayadev (Yelwal Hobli) on Mob: 70267-19516, according to Senior Asst. Horticulture Director.

REALLY...?

- ***One of the earliest schools of medicine known to mankind is Ayurveda. It was consolidated by Charaka nearly 2,500 years ago. Sushruta, father of surgery, used to conduct complicated surgical procedures 2,600 years ago, without the sophisticated instruments of today.***
- ***Cataract surgery and plastic surgery were also first performed by the ancient physician Sushruta. He used a curved needle and removed the cataract by pushing the lens. The eyes were then immersed in warm butter and were properly covered until they were completely healed.***

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.72
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.10
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.52
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.74

VOICE OF THE READER

NH 275: Anatomy for delay in road projects

Sir,

This refers to Design Engineer V.N. Prasad's letter ***'Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway NH 275: A Designer's Perspective'*** where he has made wide ranging observations in *Star of Mysore* dated Dec. 29.

NH 275 is a ten-lane Expressway and it has raised a lot of public awareness, expectation and interest. It is due to various reasons including the fact that it has many important cities in its 120-km route with citizens who are educated and politically conscious.

Many important and relevant issues have been highlighted in the letter. He has touched among others, the Detailed Project Report (DPR), geometric design, speed limit and the importance of observing lane discipline for various vehicular traffic.

He has also stressed that it is appropriate that the Team Leader and Resident Engineers are the appropriate persons to give out the statements.

Since I have served as Chief Engineer in the Ministry of Transport, Contract Advisor, under UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and after retirement worked as the Chairman of five National Highways Tribunals pertaining to disputes on various NHs across India and besides worked as one of the members of the Dispute Resolution Board on NH No. 4, I would like to highlight some major issues in order of priority.

1. Land acquisition and litigation connected with it. **2.** Delay in handing over contiguous stretch of land to the contractor. **3**. Unexpected site condition due to faulty geo-technical investigation needing changes in DPR. **4.** Unforeseen major problems including inclement weather condition. **5.** Unrealistic changes due to public pressure like Underpass etc. **6.** Coordination linking inspection, approval and payment of bills. **7.** Increase in Bill of Quantities (BOQ) and its price disputes.

In my perception, if percentage for the various items mentioned above has to be assigned, Items 1 and 2 which are connected will share 50%. **The complication involved including pursuing cases in courts and getting timely verdict is a great hurdle.**

Information and Project Monitoring Division under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation furnishes the statistics of monitoring the infrastructure projects. According to the information furnished to the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in 2022 lists **delay due to land Acquisition and Environment and Forest Clearance in respect of road projects.**

The rest of the items share 50% in which item 7 can drag on besides pressure of disputes may heavily drag the completion time. I have tried to pinpoint some major issues.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
30.12.2022

Dasara exhibition to end tomorrow

Winter Expo from Jan. 3 to Feb. 12

Mysuru, Jan. 1- The annual Dasara Exhibition, which started from Sept. 26, 2022, draws to a close tomorrow (Jan. 2). However, a 40-day Winter Exhibition will be held at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds from Jan. 3 to Feb. 12.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) CEO Rudresh told *Star of Mysore* that Fun World will hold the Winter Expo from Jan. 3 to Feb. 12.

Pointing out that 143 stalls in three blocks, Food Court (Chamundeshwari Block), Amusement Park and Vehicle Parking area have been let out to Fun World for Rs. 36 lakh to hold the 40-day Winter Expo, he said that the Company will bear the power cost, maintenance, cleaning and all other miscellaneous expenses. Maintaining that the Winter Expo is almost a continuation of the Dasara Exhibition, he said that the members of the public can visit this expo,which will be open till Feb. 12. The entry fee for this expo will remain the same — Rs.30 for adults and Rs. 20 for children, Rudresh added.

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Sharath Yoga Centre aids Mysore Pinjrapole Society

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (BCT)- Sharath Yoga Centre, a prominent Ashtanga Yoga institute in Mysuru has offered financial assistance to the century-old Mysore Pinjrapole Society, which has sheltered over 4,000 rescued cattle.

A programme was organised recently where internationally acclaimed Ashtanga Yoga Guru Sharath Jois handed over aid to Vinod, the Secretary of Mysore Pinjrapole Society. The financial support will be utilised to provide food and medicines to sheltered animals.

Addressing the gathering, Sharath Jois said that every year, his Yoga institute conducts various programmes that benefit the society and this year (2022), a decision was taken to help the animals of the Mysore Pinjrapole Society. He appreciated the contribution of the Yoga students who have come to Mysuru from all over the globe.

Along with Indian students, many foreign Yoga learners participated in the programme and appreciated the selfless work carried out by the Pinjrapole Society.

Senior students of the institute Rakesh Jain, Dr. Sowmya, Dinesh Jain, Pinjrapole Society PRO Surender, Sushil, Siddhartha and others were present.

KSRTC receives prototype of e-bus from Hyderabad

To start trial run between Bengaluru and Mysuru; 12-metre AC bus can travel up to 300 km on a single charge

Bengaluru, Jan. 1- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) received a prototype of an electric bus yesterday in Bengaluru and was received by Minister for Transport and Tribal Welfare B. Sriramulu and officials of KSRTC.

The service will be operated on the Bengaluru-Mysuru route for a trial run and the date will be finalised. The bus has been manufactured by Hyderabad-based Olectra Greentech Limited and 50 more buses will arrive in Bengaluru for inter-city operations by February.

"KSRTC has chosen its Electric Bus name as 'EV- Power Plus' with a tagline 'e-Xperience e-levated. All the remaining electric buses would be put into operation in the routes — Bengaluru to Mysuru, Madikeri, Virajpet, Davanagere, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru," a statement from the KSRTC said.

"While electric charging centres for the buses have already been set up in Bengaluru and Mysuru, the setting up of charging centres are under progress in Madikeri, Virajpet, Davanagere, Shivamogga and Chikkamagaluru. Each bus will have a total of 43 seats push-back for passengers," the statement added.

The inter-city service will be launched under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme of the Union Government. The buses will run on gross cost contract basis in which the private operator will operate the buses for 10 years where the KSRTC will pay Rs. 55 per kilometre as operational cost to the private operator that includes electricity charges.

The 12-metre AC bus can travel up to 300 km on a single charge along with on-board and off-board charging facilities. The Lithium-ion Phosphate battery can be charged in two to three hours. Passengers can also use the WiFi in the bus which has a USB charger port.

"After the success of the KSRTC intercity (Prototype) Electric Bus, all the remaining electric buses would be put into operation in the various routes," the KSRTC statement added.

Obituary

Dr. K.N. Swamy

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Dr. K.N. Swamy (66), Professor and HoD of Physiology at Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Bellur Cross in Nagamangala taluk and a resident of Gayathripuram in city, passed away on Dec. 29 at AIMS.

Founder-President of Pragathi Trust, Mysuru, he leaves behind his wife Geetha Devi, daughters Dr. Neema and Priya, son-in-law, granddaughter and a host of relatives and friends.

His body was donated to AIMS as per his wish, according to family sources.

NEWS BRIEFS

Vaikunta Ekadashi

Vaikunta Ekadashi will be celebrated at Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Revenue Layout, Srirampura Second Stage, Mysuru, tomorrow (Jan. 2). The temple will be open for devotees from 6 am till 9 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2364343, according to a press release.

Swaralaya Cultural Fest tomorrow

The Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Mysuru, in association with the Directorate of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru, will be holding 'Swaralaya Samskrutika Habba' (Part-3) at Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavan) on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar at 4.30 pm tomorrow (Jan. 2), according to a press release.

Mass marriage at Suttur on Jan.19

As part of the six-day annual Suttur Jatra Mahotsava (Jan. 18 to 23), the JSS Mahavidyapeetha will be conducting a free mass marriage at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk on Jan. 19. The interested brides and bridegrooms from all communities can register for the mass marriage before Jan. 7. The prescribed application form is available at the Mahavidyapeetha Office and the same should be submitted along with all necessary documents before Jan. 7. For registration and details, contact Ph.: 0821-2548212-122 or Mob.: 94486-74702 or 97413-42222 or 94490-30588, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	118.72 feet
Yesterday	:	118.87 feet
Inflow	:	1,531 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,495 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.47 feet
Inflow	:	414 cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,828.14 feet
Inflow	:	135 cusecs
Outflow	:	75 cusecs

Wild tusker which had created fear around Mysuru captured

This is the second elephant to be captured in 24 hours

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (MTY&KS)- A wild tusker, which had created panic in Mysuru surroundings was captured successfully by the Forest Department personnel yesterday and has been released in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Forest.

This is one among the two wild elephants that had created panic in Mysuru surroundings and the second elephant to be captured in 24 hours.

Two wild tuskers had created panic among the villagers of Jayapura, Sheelanakere and other villages and had also destroyed standing crops. When the Forest staff tried to drive these tuskers back to the forest, they moved to Arabitittu forest in Hunsur Division and had destroyed fences of farmers and also of RMP and other industries.

As these tuskers were creating menace, the Forest Department senior officials had instructed the staff to capture these elephants which had stayed put in Arabitittu forest and release them into the forest

Following the instructions, the Forest staff on Dec. 30, began to prepare to conduct an operation to capture the two tuskers, when another elephant killed a woman at the nearby Chikkabeechanahalli. The Forest staff, who rushed to the spot (Chikkabeechanahalli) conducted an operation and captured the tusker.

Yesterday morning, an operation to capture the tuskers at Arabitittu began at about 4 pm and a tranquilliser dart was fired to one of the two tuskers. It was finally captured at about 5.30 pm with the help of tamed elephants Abhimanyu, Bheema, Mahendra, Prashanth and Ganesh.

The captured tusker, aged about 30 years was lifted with the help of a crane, loaded into a truck and was brought to Nagarahole, where it was released.

Conservator of Forests Dr. Malathi Priya, Hunsur Division DCF and Elephant Task Force In-charge P.A. Seema, ACFs, RFOs, DRFOs and other Forest staff were present.

DCF Seema said that out of the two tuskers, one of them has been captured and due to darkness, another tusker could not be caught. The operation to catch the other tusker will be taken up on Sunday, she added.

CF Dr. Malathi Priya said that the captured tusker is aged about 30 years and hence it was not radio collared. It has been released into the thick forest area in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Another tusker would be captured and will be radio collared and its movements will be monitored.

CCB Police seize Rs 1.3 lakh worth ganja, arrest one

Mysuru, Jan.1 (TRR)- Acting on a tip off, City Crime Branch Police arrested a person on the charges of drug peddling, near Satya Pramoda Kalyana Mantap at V.V. Mohalla here.

He was carrying 2 kg, 710 gram of Ganja worth Rs. 1,30,000, in the bag. A case has been registered in this connection.

Five gamblers held

In another incident, CCB Police arrested five persons on the charges of playing cards at a room in a lodge on Krishnavilas Road, Devaraja Mohalla in the city. The Police seized Rs. 58,000 stake money.

A case has been has been registered at Devaraja Police Station.

The Police made the arrests under the guidance of DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, CCB ACP C.K. Ashwathanarayan. CCB Police Inspectors A. Mallesh, G. Shekar, ASI Raju and staff Saleem Pasha, T. Prakash, A. Umamahesh, Govinda, Anil, Radhesh, Janardhanarao, Ravikumar, Srinivas and Arunkumar were also a part of the operations. City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh has appreciated the efforts.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru South Police have found bodies of unidentified persons in their jurisdiction and have registered cases.

In the first case, the South Police found a body of an unidentified youth aged between 25 and 30 years at Varuna Canal near Tallur village in the taluk.

In the second case, a body of an unidentified man, aged between 35 and 40 years was found floating in the Varuna Canal on the outskirts of Yandalli village in Varuna Hobli.

The face of the deceased is partially eaten away by aquatic animals and was found wearing a pink coloured full arm shirt and black pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased persons, if any, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or call the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Loan recovery agent cheats private bank of Rs. 10.13 lakh

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case against a loan recovery agent for allegedly cheating a private bank of Rs. 10.13 lakh. The accused loan recovery agent is 39-year-old Srinivasamurthy, a resident of Rajendranagar in city.

Team Lease Services Limited, a firm at Koramangala in Bengaluru, had given Srinivasamurthy, the contract to recover loans of the private bank. The accused, who had commenced the recovery process from Apr. 1, 2019, had recovered loans and had given fake NOC with fake signatures to those from whom he had recovered loans, thus cheating the bank of Rs. 10,13,094, according to the complaint lodged by Team Lease Services Limited's Executive Venkatakrishna Sandesh.

Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Samaja Parivartana Yatra from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (DM)- As part of 'Azaadi Se Swaraj' National -level campaign, the Janandolanagala Mahamythri (JMM), Karnataka in association with Citizen for Democracy (CFD) and Janatantra Prayoga Shaale (JPS), will take out Samaja Parivartan Satyagraha Yatra from Kudalasangama to Bengaluru from Jan. 2 to 11.

The Yatra which starts from Kudalasangama in Bagalkot district, will pass through Bagalkot, Nargund, Navalgund, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Davangere, Chitradurga and Tumkur before concluding in Bengaluru on Jan. 11, where a massive rally is planned at Freedom Park at 10 am.

The Yatra is aimed to seek fulfilment of various demands like abolition of newly introduced three farm laws, legal backing for Minimum Support Price, framing of a farmer friendly crop procurement policy, withdrawal of electricity bill-2022 etc.,

This apart, Bhavaikyata Yatra (Communal harmony) will be taken out from Mangaluru to Bengaluru from Jan. 5 to 11, a Massive Land Conservation Jatha from Kusanur to Davangere from Jan. 7 to 9 and Samvidhana Rakshane Jatha (Protection of Constitution) from Kolar to Bengaluru from Jan. 9 to 11.

Play at Rangayana insulted Siddharamaiah, allege fans

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Accusing a theatre director of mocking former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah in the weekend play staged at Rangayana yesterday, fans of the former CM vented out their ire in Rangayana premises yesterday.

Jnanpith awardee Dr. Chandrashekar Kambar scripted play 'Sambashiva Prahasana' was being staged under the direction of S. Karthik Upamanyu at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana premises last evening.

Sometime into the play, someone in the audience, alleging that former CM Siddharamaiah was being mocked for the numerous welfare schemes ('Bhagya' schemes) that he had launched when he was in power, entered the stage and questioned the play director regarding this.

They also sought a clarification from director Karthik on why the 'Bhagaya' schemes introduced by the former CM were targeted in the play and whether the sequences of the play was in accordance with the original script of Dr. Kambar.

After an argument over the issue, the play director Karthik Upamanyu maintained that it is common to make changes in the original script in accordance with the situation. Asserting that not only the Government welfare schemes (Bhagyas) but also issues like COVID and other current issues too have been adapted in the play, Karthik contended that his play was not intended to insult, mock or hurt any political leader or person. But a section of the audience was not ready to accept Karthik's clarification and continued with their objection to the play.

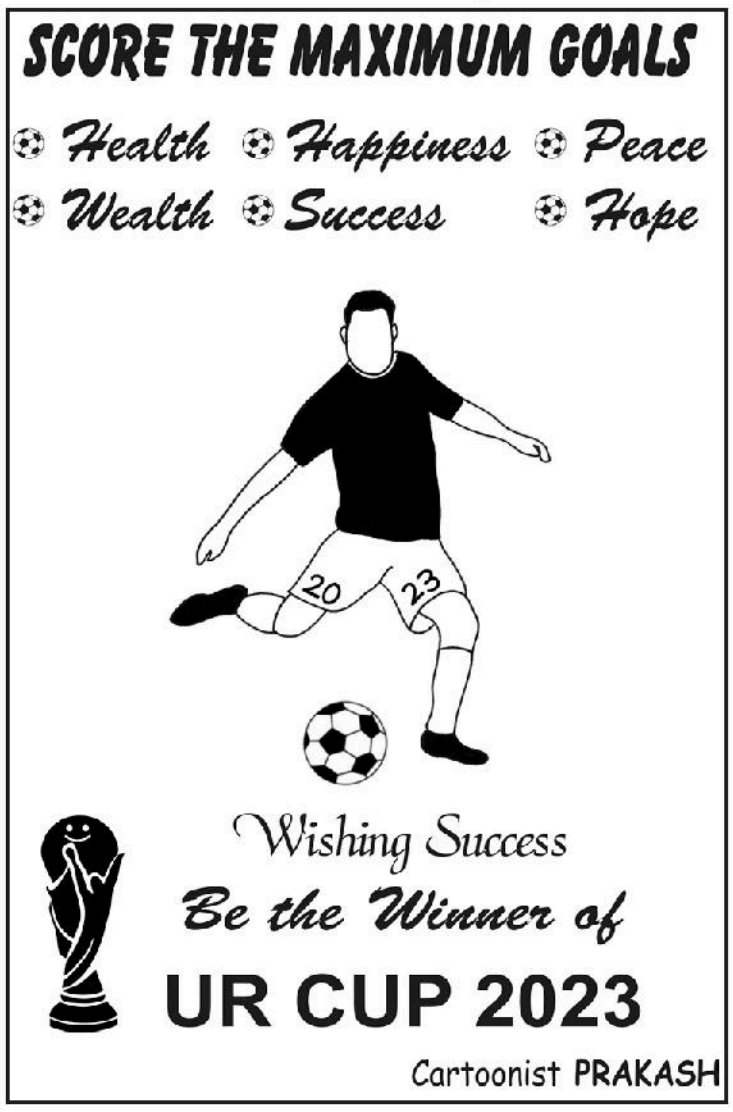
The Police, who rushed to the spot upon learning of the incident, convinced the irate Siddharamaiah fans, who had gathered in large numbers at the venue by then and brought the situation under control, it is learnt.

Reacting to the incident, Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha President B. Subramanya said that the welfare programmes and schemes introduced by former CM Siddharmaiah when he was in power have been mocked by the creation of a character in 'Sambashiva Prahasana' play.

Stating that the play director Karthik is said to have expressed regret regarding the issue, Subramanya said he met the Rangayana Director over the issue and sought information about the play director, the characters and the sequences of the play. But still, a Police complaint will be lodged seeking action against the play director for insulting the former CM, he added.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Rapid survey identifies 202 destitutes in city

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (BS)- Even as the State Government is introducing various schemes to provide shelter to the homeless, there is no dearth of people deprived of shelter, for whom the footpaths and pavements in front of the shops turn into bed at night.

In a recent rapid survey conducted by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) involving various NGOs here, in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits, 202 destitutes were identified in various parts of the city.

While in the last such survey conducted in the year 2019, as many as 286 destitutes were identified and rehabilitated.

Dr. J.S. Byralingaiah, Mission Manager of DAY-NULM, said "78

destitutes were identified on Dec. 29, 2022 and 124 on the second and last day of the survey held on Dec. 31. Of the 78 destitutes, 62 are men and 16 women. Of 124, total 97 are men and 27 women".

For now, they will be provided with referral services like old age home, beggars home, children's care centre and Shaktidhama to rehabilitate them. The existing and only Shelter for Urban Homeless of the MCC, near Vidyavardhaka College on Dewan Seshadri Iyer Road, accommodates 46 destitutes who are provided with community kitchen facility, added Byralingaiah.

City Top Cop, DCP promoted

Mysuru, Jan. 1- City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj are among other IPS Officers in the State, who have been promoted.

City Top Cop Ramesh has been promoted to officiate in the grade of Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) with effect from Jan. 1, 2023 and continued as the City Commissioner of Police, Mysuru City in the downgraded post.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj has been promoted to officiate in the Junior Administrative Grade with effect from Jan. 1, 2023 and is continued in the same post until further orders, according to the order signed by Nagappa S. Pareet, Under Secretary to Government, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Services - 4) dated 31.12.2022.

B. Ramesh M. Muthuraj

Gather one lakh yoga enthusiasts for Yogathon, DC tells babus

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has directed the officials to gather one lakh yogasana enthusiasts for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Yogathon in city on Jan. 15. As Mysuru is a Yoga Hub, the interested must be gathered for the event. The DC issued the instructions during the preliminary meeting organised at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here on Friday. The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) is organising Yogathon.

"The officers should discuss with the Government and private parties concerned and make arrangements for the success of the event," said the DC. He also insisted on roping in more yoga enthusiasts outnumbering one lakh yoga practitioners who had participated in Yoga Day previous year. Hence, measures should be taken to involve the students of Government and non-Government institutions and the inmates of Govt. Hostels in the district.

Most importantly accurate information should be collected on the participating yoga practitioners. Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will make necessary arrangements like drinking water, toilet and cleanliness should be ensured for the comfort of those participating in the event. Besides, ambulance should be stationed and yoga teachers should be arranged for those willing to participate in the event, DC directed the respective Departments. Mysuru ZP Deputy Secretary Premkumar and other officials were present.

Works on widening of Ring Road Railway under bridges expedited

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (SPN&KS)- The works on widening four Railway under bridges located on the Outer Ring Road across the city have been expedited. The widening works have been taken up at a cost of Rs. 76 crore.

Movement of traffic was allowed only on one side of the Railway track near J.P. Nagar and now the under bridge joining the service road is being widened by 12 mts and 6 mts long and its either sides are being widened by 6x6 mts. Similarly, under bridges near RBI and Metagalli are among four under bridges that

are being widened, which would be completed in 8-9 months, said NHAI Assistant Executive Engineer Rajendra Kumar.

He further said that these four under bridges were very narrow, causing a lot of inconvenience to heavy vehicles since many years. This issue will be solved soon and grants for the widening of four under bridges have been released, he added.

Mysore Palace sparkles as 2023 arrives

[Pic by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, Jan.1 (MK&BS)- Colourful fireworks dotted the sky marking the New Year celebration at Mysore Palace last night, with the illuminated architectural wonder serving the perfect backdrop.

The celebrations began with the performance of Karnataka Police Band, who with their English and Kannada orchestra provided the perfect background score to keep the surging crowd hooked from 11 pm.

The 50-member band kept the music buffs engaged, who were for a while transported to the world of music.

The fireworks shot to the sky was the perfect visual treat, as the crowd gazed above unperturbed for 15 minutes till 12.15 am.

The public then wished each other at the venue and left to their places.

City drenched in colours of all hues as revellers frolic

Mysuru, Jan.1 (MK&BS)- The New Year 2023 was ushered in with joyous moments by fun and frolicking lot grooving to the beat of scintillating music at the crack of midnight.

Hotels, pubs and clubs that had hosted parties celebrated the occasion with a bang, albeit with a dampened spirit as DJ parties were banned in the wake of COVID safety norms. As the clock struck 12, revellers exchanged greetings wishing a prosperous year ahead.

City's key happening spots like Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Rio Meridian, Radisson Blu, Metropole Hotel and Southern Star among others set the perfect mood for the celebration.

Children, men and women welcoming the New Year at Rio Meridian.

Package system

Complying with COVID safety norms, party organisers at hotels and other venues offered attractive packages catering to men, women, couples and children, with the rates fixed at minimum Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 6,000. The delicacies suiting the taste of the foodies along with liquor were also included in the package. In the absence of DJs, various events like fun games and quiz were organised to entertain the crowd. As the City Police had granted permission for the celebration till 1 am, the party goers enjoyed to the hilt.

Mouth-watering cakes, desserts and juice awaited visitors at Radisson Blu.

New Year revellers enjoying live music at Metropole Hotel.

Mad rush at temples

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Similar was the scene at various other prominent temples in the region like Nanjangud Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple, 101 Ganapathi Temple at Agrahara in Mysuru, Sri Ranganathaswamy and Nimishamba Temples at Srirangapatna to name a few.

Most of the roads led to Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar where two lakh *laddoos* specially prepared to sweeten the New Year mood are being distributed.

Even before the crack of dawn, devotees were waiting in serpentine queues outside the temple from 4 am, stretching up to Aishwarya Petrol Bunk junction on the Mysuru-Hunsur Road.

Office-bearers of several organisations and associations sought the blessings of the Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji and got their calendars released to mark the occasion.

Prominent tourist spots like Mysore Palace and Mysuru Zoo were also teeming with tourists, with Flower Show organised as part of the Winter Festival being an added attraction.

President of the Mysuru Hotel Owners Association C. Narayanagowda said, "The New Year celebration was a big success as people came out in large numbers. Even though the Police had issued permission till 1 am, fortunately, no untoward incidents were reported. The liquor transaction during the day alone can be estimated at Rs. 20 crore."

US recognition for city doctor

Dr. Prashanth

Mysuru, Jan. 1- The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) has appointed Dr. Bogadi Prashanth, Joint Replacement Surgeon, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, to the Adult Reconstruction Knee Programme Committee for a period of three years from 2023 to 2026, according to Dr. Kevin Bozic, Vice-President, AAOS.

The Knee Committee covers all aspects of Knee Replacements and Revision Surgery including the latest Robotic Knee Surgery, Half Knee Replacements and latest knee preservation techniques.

Dr. Prashanth will serve alongside Dr. Sumon Nandi, Dr. Andrew Star, Dr. Saurabh Kakaria and other US Surgeons.

The Academy provides a platform for Surgeons around the globe to encounter the latest in research, technology and trends in the field of Orthopaedics. Dr. Prashanth will be moderating podium and 'Ask an Expert' sessions, serve as critical evaluators and take part in teaching and educational knee sessions at the annual meetings.

The AAOS (not-for-profit) is the largest medical association of musculoskeletal professionals and also serves as an advocate for improved patient care and provides patient information globally.

Post-matric student scholarship

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (SSM) - The Backward Classes Welfare Department (BCWD), Mysuru and Nanjangud taluk have invited online applications from students belonging to Backward Classes, Nomadic, Semi-Nomadic and Category-1 groups for availing Post-Matric Student Scholarship, fee concession, various benefits under Vidyasiri Scheme and scholarship for Nursery students for the year 2022-23.

Last date for submitting applications is Jan. 31. Students can submit their applications by logging on to https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/ or https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/.

For details, call Mob: 80507-70005 or Helpline Number 080-35254757, according to a press release from the BCWD, Mysuru, District Officer and BCWD, Nanjangud taluk Welfare Office.

Sewage chokes Hebbal Lake

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After rejuvenation, the Infosys Foundation was maintaining the Lake. As part of the Lake rejuvenation project, the Infosys Foundation also enabled support infrastructure including walkways, permanent fence walls, lighting, garbage disposal, drinking water facility, parks, and tree covers.

MCC urged to divert sewage to STP

While the STP effectively controls the sewage flow from many inlets into the Lake, a major inlet is causing pollution as it is carrying sewage, plastic and animal waste into Lake on a daily basis. Though a protective wall blocks the entry of plastic and is collected around it, during rain and due to heavy water flow, the plastic waste gets into the Lake.

However, there is no protection to prevent the entry of sewage and animal waste. Sources said that the Infosys Foundation had asked the MCC to divert the sewage entry into STP from residential areas so that it can be cleaned and treated water can be let into the Lake.

But the MCC has not so far responded to the Infosys Foundation's request. "Sudha Murty is upset and has stayed away from the Lake. Moreover, now she is not the Infosys Foundation Chairperson. After spending so much money by the Foundation, the MCC has not bothered to heed the Foundation's request," a source in the know of things told *Star of Mysore*.

KSPCB fails to act

It may be recalled here that last summer, woken up by thousands of dead and rotting fish at the Lake, officials from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) collected samples of water that enters the Lake.

They said that heavy water with a heady mix of industrial effluents caused the fish death as untreated effluents are released directly into the Lake. The KSPCB officers collected water samples from around the Lake and also collected samples where the largest concentration of fish death occurred. The officers promised to initiate action based on the water testing report. But nothing was done.

Initial testing of water samples showed high values of faecal coliform than the permissible limit, indicating discharge of untreated sewage into the Lake, which is considered one of the critical water bodies of Mysuru.

Forest Watcher killed in wild jumbo attack

Mahadeva

Mysuru, Jan.1 (MTY&BS)-A forest watcher was trampled to death by a wild elephant at a village in the fringes of Dattalli Beat, in Metikuppe Range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve last midnight.

The deceased is identified as Mahadeva (35) of Bheemanakolli in H.D. Kote taluk in the district.

Following an information over a wild jumbo straying out of forest and raiding agricultural crops, a five to six-member team of forest personnel rushed to the spot. In their bid to drive the pachyderm back into the wild, one of them opened fire in the air.

Scared by the sound, the elephant charged towards Mahadeva and attacked him, leaving him severely injured. He succumbed to injuries on the spot.

The body has been shifted to Government Hospital in H.D. Kote for post-mortem.

DCF and Director of Project Tiger, Nagarahole, Harsha Kumar Chikkanaragunda, RFO Harshit visited the spot.

Obituary

Govinda Kulakarni

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Govinda Kulakarni (55), a lecturer at Government College in Varuna and a resident of Alanahalli on Bannur Road passed away this morning in city.

Kulakarni's mother had passed away 11 days ago and he, along with family members were proceeding to Srirangapatna to perform the rituals. But when the car was proceeding about 100 mts distance from his house, Kulakarni suffered a massive heart attack and breathed his last in the car.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 5 pm today, according to family sources.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Yeshasvini Scheme: A lethal injection for Private Hospitals!

I'll start my article today with a parable that is very relevant to the present times. It appears, there were a cow and her calf, reared by a farmer, dwelling in his farm, that stood next to a dense forest. The mother and calf duo would graze every day, on the lush green grass that grew abundantly in the meadows on the fringe of the forest. But because a fierce tiger was known to be dwelling in the depths of the forest, the cow had warned its calf that tigers can be very dangerous and had naturally told it to be always wary of the presence of the tiger.

The very obedient calf, always keeping these words of caution in its mind, would always maintain a safe distance from the forest while grazing.

But one day it found the tiger standing with a broad smile at the edge of the forest and beckoning to it to come close. Reassured by the smile, the calf overcame its fear and ventured close to the tiger which said that it just wanted to be friends with it and all other animals in and around the forest.

Quite surprised by this change, the elated calf rushed to its mother and told her about this new development, when the cow smiled in turn and calmly told its calf that such things only indicated that elections were around the corner!

That is exactly what seems to be happening in our State too. Elections are around the corner and tigers are trying to befriend cows. If we look around closely, we are bound to discover that the Government is trying very hard to please the voters with a plethora of welfare measures, supposedly aimed at improving the lot of the impoverished in the State.

I need not elaborate on what these measures are but I would certainly like to include under them the terrible hurry with which the State Government is trying to resuscitate the Yeshasvini Scheme that has been lying completely dead for some time and which for a short while, provided almost free medical insurance to our masses, so that even almost penniless people could seek medical care, not just in Government but also in the best Private Hospitals.

> The question that comes to mind here is why should private health care providers suffer at the hands of a system that is simply unable to do any good to the public by itself, and yet has to win elections, which as we all know, will eventually do good only to self-serving politicians?

Very notably, this was a very short-lived scheme and I'm not surprised that it was so, because such schemes do not last long for two very important reasons.

Firstly, any Scheme that does not make sound financial sense to sustain itself perpetually, falls flat on its face miserably and there is nothing surprising in this. Secondly and more importantly, for it to remain alive, the Government that launches it should continue to promote and sustain it beyond its vote gathering utility period.

This is abundantly visible in the present fate of the hundreds of Indira Canteens across the State that were started with much fanfare, not very long ago, by one Government, only to become defunct and transform themselves into haunts of vagrants and anti-social elements, the moment power changed hands and went to another Government.

The original version of the much-hyped **Yeshasvini Scheme** met a similar end and its newer avatar, that now comes at a much lesser and therefore more attractive cost to the beneficiaries, is bound to meet the same fate. **That is, if it does take off, which to me, does not seem very likely, although it is designed to take effect from today. The reason for this is that, although the date is set, its fate is not yet certain, with almost all the Private Hospitals across the State, that are supposed to keep it going, refusing in unison to accept it under its existing terms and conditions.**

But just to win the support of the public, for electoral gains, the Government is right now making very tall claims about the number of hospitals that have already joined this scheme and how wonderfully it is going to transform the lives of the poor. Nothing could be farther from the truth. This kind of propaganda is also meant to coerce reluctant hospitals to join the scheme out of the fear of being left out of the race that although profit-less by itself, might get more footfalls to their doors, familiarising the public with the services available there.

While talking of the terms and conditions, I would like to give you just one example of how absurd and comic they are. Yes, these are the two most apt and appropriate words to describe them. Talking of just one procedure to illustrate my point, under this scheme, empanelled Private Hospitals are supposed to do a **Caesarean Section,** a procedure to deliver a baby surgically, for a princely sum of rupees nine thousand. Now, this procedure requires a fully equipped operation theatre, lifesaving and sustaining equipment, the services of a Gynaecologist, at least one medically qualified doctor to assist in the procedure, an Anaesthesiologist, a Paediatrician to manage the baby immediately upon delivery, assisting OT technicians, nursing and housekeeping staff.

Now can someone in the Government tell me how much of this amount the hospital is going to keep aside as expenses and distribute it in proportion to the nature of service rendered by each one of the team members and how much the hospital itself will be able to take as its share, by way of profit? This is after paying its taxes, water, electricity and waste disposal bills and the interest on its bank loans, all of which are charged at commercial rates without any rebates.

Because brevity is what keeps things clear when we talk of highly technical matters, I'll not go into the details of any other surgical procedures but only give you the rates of just two other commonly done procedures. An appendectomy is supposed to be done at rupees ten thousand and for a cholecystectomy, that is the removal of the gall bladder, the hospital is supposed to get rupees twelve thousand. And, that's not all. Very often, as is the norm in all transactions with the Government, the bills due to the participating hospitals, which often run into lakhs and sometimes crores of rupees, are not paid for long periods of time. Most hospitals in the State are yet to receive their payments due from the last and now defunct Yeshasvini Scheme, even to this day. This very distressing situation makes it a mockery of the whole arrangement because, very often, the interest the hospitals would have paid to their lending banks to survive through these delayed payments would have crossed the bill amounts themselves!

Added to this, if you take into account the ever-present but most often unmentionable need to grease greedy palms to get payments released, it is a crime which hospitals are forced to abet, just out of sheer helplessness, making the whole experience very disgusting.

The question that comes to mind here is why should private health care providers suffer at the hands of a system that is simply unable to do any good to the public by itself, and yet has to win elections, which as we all know, will eventually do good only to self-serving politicians?

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Vaikunta Ekadasi programme at Ganapathy Ashram

Mysuru, Jan. 1- A large number of devotees/ general public visit Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises on Vaikunta Ekadasi Day, every year. During this year, Vaikunta Ekadasi will be celebrated tomorrow (Jan. 2).

On this occasion, Uttara Dwara (North Entrance) of the Temple will be kept open for the devotees/ public to enter the Temple. The Temple timings on the day of Vaikunta Ekadasi will be from 5 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 9 pm.

As per Government COVID guidelines, face mask and social distance is compulsory for the people to enter the Temple, according to a press release from K.N. Ananthanarayana, Manager, Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetram.

For details, contact Temple Office on Ph: 0821-2483200.

Health talk on Jan. 4

Mysuru, Jan. 1- The Elder Citizens' Council, Mysuru, in its series of monthly lecture, has invited Dr. K.V. Ullas (BAMS), from Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala to present a talk on health issues and its care through Ayurveda in winter season. The programme will be held on Jan. 4 at 5 pm at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan of Elder Citizens' Council, Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram.

Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraj will preside. The subject attains much importance particularly for senior citizens in view of possible COVID situation. All are invited to attend, with masks, according to a press release from Council Secretary K.S. Krishna.

For details, contact Mob: 94489-79349 or 99804-12406.

Excel in debate

Mysuru, Jan. 1- **K.S. Ridhishree** of Grade 9 and **Bhanavi** of Grade 8, the students of Pandit's The Orchids Public School and PU College, who participated in Inter-High School Kannada Debate Competition held at Sri Sharadha Public School recently, won first place and bagged the Rolling Trophy to the school.

The topic for the contest was 'The increasing dependency of the people on technology after COVID is boon for nation's progress.'

No politician can match Nalwadi's contributions: Former MLA

Mysuru, Jan.1 (GA&DM)- Former MLA E. Maruthi Rao Pawar observed that Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's contributions to the State remains unmatched even today.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Cauvery Karnataka Pradeshika Samskrutika Mattu Sahitya Academy' at a programme organised at Town Hall here on Friday.

Maintaining that those born in Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts were virtuous and that residents of Mysuru can be said to be a prideful lot, Pawar said these districts are blessed with greenery, a rich biodiversity, flora and fauna and nature's beauty.

Pointing out that the four districts are contributing a lot to the State through their natural resources, he stressed on the need for conservation of ecology and environment.

Journalist Iytichanda Ramesh Uthappa, who spoke at the seminar on the topic 'A thought on regional imbalance of Cauvery Karnataka,' said Kodagu is a tourist's paradise and is rightly called as the Switzerland of the country. However, the mushrooming of Home Stays in the district, is causing ecological damage, he bemoaned.

Maintaining that most of the Home Stays were unauthorised, he also lamented increasing commercial activities in the district, which has posed a threat to ecological balance in the eco-sensitive region.

Pointing out that C.M. Poonacha as Chief Minister of Kodagu in 1952 had taken the district in the right path, Ramesh said but the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru convinced Poonacha to merge Kodagu with the Indian Union upon the promise of special grants and development. "Kodagu does not have an exclusive Lok Sabha Constituency even today. All the promises made by the Government still remains unfulfilled. More recently, Kodava language too is under threat because of large-scale migration to the district," he bemoaned.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, who also spoke, opined that regional imbalance still persists in the State.

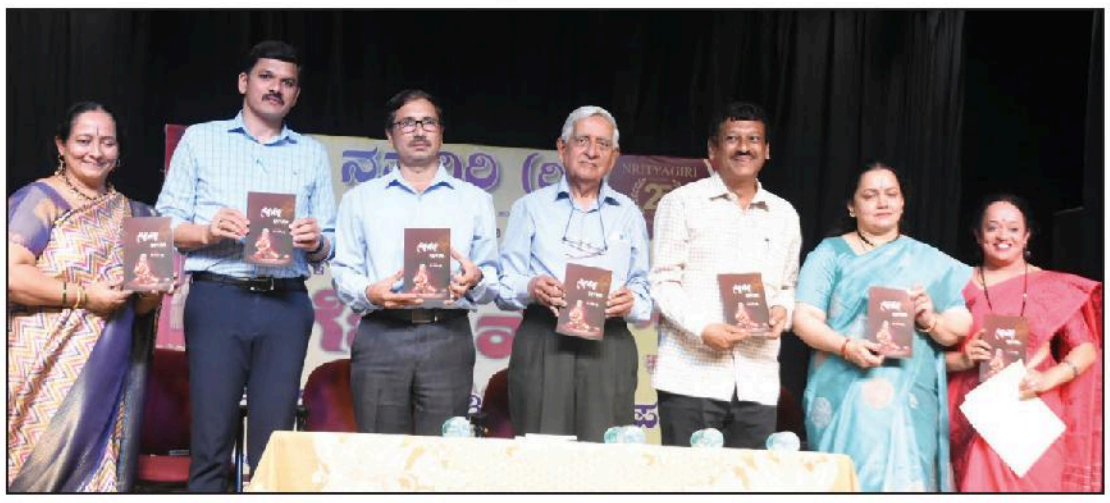
Pointing out that the then S.M. Krishna Cabinet had set aside Rs.1,000 crore for rectifying the regional imbalance which was highlighted in the D.S. Nanjundappa Commission Report, he said, unfortunately, the subsequent Governments did not do much in this regard.

Stressing on the need for setting up of Industries in Chamarajanagar district, he also emphasised on saving precious water resources and judicious use of Dam waters in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts. He also wanted the Government to give importance for promoting a Tourism Circuit centred around Mysuru as the city is a popular tourist destination of the South.

Academy's Founder-President Ramesh Surve and former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Prof. G.T. Veerappa too spoke. Noted Architect Parvati Ramakrishna, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat State Convenor Dr. M.G.R. Urs and actor Mysuru Ramananda were conferred with 'Kaveri Karnataka Ratna' Award on the occasion, in consideration of their professional achievements.

Belagavi Hiremutt Seer Kalmeshawar Swamiji, artist Ganeshrao, Dr. Chikkahejjaji, actress Meena, writer M. Mahesh Chikkallur, Academy Hon. President Dr. S. Venkatesh and others were present.

'Gejjehejje Nrityagiri-25' book released



Mysuru, Jan.1 (SPN&DM)- Writer Dr. Deepa Phadke's edited work 'Gejjehejje Nrityagiri-25' was released by litterateur Diwakar Hegde at a programme organised as part of the Silver Jubilee celebration of Nrityagiri at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Diwakar Hegde said that the book has 18 essays on various topics of Music, Dance and Arts written by noted artistes.

Pointing out that the book introduces various art forms to the readers, he said that the book is both informative and educative on art forms. Noted Surgeon and Ganabharathi Patron Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, in his address, said everyone should have the conviction to achieve their set goals.

Stressing on the need for finding ways despite any odds for achieving set goals, he said that hard-earned achievements will earn public praise. Danseuse Dr. Kripa Phadke is a perfect example of this, he said while highlighting her contributions to Dance and related fields over the past 25 years through her Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre.

Noting that Dr. Kripa has taught Dance to thousands of children in 25 years, Dr. Narasimhan said she made an enormous contribution for promotion of arts in Mysuru, which is rightfully called as the cultural capital of the State. He wished Nrityagiri all success in its future endeavours.

Writer Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri of Mandya rendered a self-composed poem on the book. Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan too spoke.

Later Nrityagiri students presented a Bharatanatyam performance, accompanied by Sameeksha Manukumar on natuvanga, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Pooja Sugam on vocal and Vidwan A.P. Krishnaprasad on flute. Vidushi Madhusudhan, Dr. Kripa Phadke, Author Deepa Phadke and others were present.

Consumer Forum Head warns action against conning people

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (RK&BS)- Chairman of Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum B. Narayanappa has warned of initiating action against commercial establishments who lure customers with false offers through advertisements.

He was speaking at the National Consumers Day celebration, organised jointly by the District Administration, Food and Civil Supplies Department, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering at the MBA Department of the College on Thursday.

"The Consumer Act is intended at checking the cheating of consumers from vendors and merchants. Case will be booked against those who take prospective consumers for a ride with attractive advertisements online. Be it public or private institutions like industries, water, electricity supply or other services, efforts will be made to address any discrepancies within the purview of law," assured Narayanappa.

According to The Consumer Protection Act 2019 (Amended) the details related to the quality of the products should be printed on the cover. In case of any complaints, both the manufacturers and suppliers should own responsibility. Any injustice, the consumers should not refrain from lodging a complaint with the forum and seek justice, he asserted.

Mysuru District Legal Services Authority Member-Secretary of Devaraj Bhute, Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda, Secretary P. Vishwanath, members of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum M.K. Lalitha and Maruti H. Vaddar and Joint Director of Food and Civil Supplies Department Kumuda were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Fiduciary

Pronunciation: fuh-DOO-shee-air-ee
Meaning: Fiduciary is a formal word meaning "relating to or involving trust (such as the trust between a customer and a professional)."
Origin: Fiduciary relationships are often of the financial variety, but the word fiduciary does not, in and of itself, suggest pecuniary ("money-related") matters. Rather, fiduciary applies to any situation in which one person justifiably places confidence and trust in someone else, and seeks that person's help or advice in some matter. The attorney-client relationship is a fiduciary one, for example, because the client trusts the attorney to act in the best interest of the client at all times. Fiduciary can also be used as a noun referring to the person who acts in a fiduciary capacity, and fiduciarily or fiducially can be called upon if you are in need of an adverb. The words are all faithful to their origin: Latin fidere, which means "to trust."
Example: "The settlement says that both men agreed not to serve as a director, trustee, officer or equivalent fiduciary position with any New York charity." — Jimmy Vielkind, The Wall Street Journal, 25 Oct. 2022

THE ODD WORD

Facinorous
Atrociously wicked

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fathom out

Meaning: To ascertain something; to deduce from the facts.
Origin: A fathom is one of those units of linear measurement that we learned at school (at least we did when I was at an English grammar school in the 14th century) and now can't quite remember just what length they refer to. There's the furlong (a 'furrow long', or the length of a medieval field - about 220 yards), the rod or pole or perch (all the same measurement - of five paces), the cubit (from the elbow to the fingertips). These peculiarly named units are matched in their imprecision by the fathom, which is the span encompassed by the outstretched arms from fingertip to fingertip - about six feet. Naturally, not everyone's arms were the same length and so the fathom wasn't an agreed distance. The woolliness over the definition of the term is illustrated in Ephraim Chambers' Cyclopædia, 1728: There are three kinds of Fathoms. The first, which is that of Men of War, contains six Feet: The middling, or that of Merchant Ships, five Feet, and a half; and the small one, used in Fluyts, Flyboats, and other Fishing-vessels, only five Feet.

QUOTE BOX

"Let us seek to fathom those things that are fathomable and reserve those things which are unfathomable for reverence in quietude."

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: To See Red.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Santa's helper
4 A globe or sphere
7 Propel yourself in water
11 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat ?
12 Diameter, in short?
13 Social ostracism - "Abut" anagram ?
14 Pharmacist
17 Metamorphoses author
18 Very alert (2,4,4)
20 Thick undergrowth
22 Self-satisfied
23 Mohammad ___ : "I am the greatest" boxer?
24 Fencers fine-pointed swords
27 One swinging to music, perhaps?
31 Japanese auto giants
33 Norman Vincent ___
34 Central Technical Operations
35 Speak a certain way
37 Made a dovelike sound
39 1555 hrs.? (4,2,4)
42 Unit of type size?
43 Given as a task
46 Film of yeast on the surface of wine
47 Howard Hughes studio
48 Before
49 Recant or refuse
50 A large marble used for shooting in game of marbles
51 Tap gently

DOWN
1 Terminate or cancel
2 Ancient Roman household deity
3 Element of the halogen family
4 Norse deity - supreme god of war and poetry and knowledge and wisdom
5 Prepares dough
6 Kohli, Strauss, Tendulkar, etc
7 Foils for comedians
8 You may have one in your hair
9 A wading bird
10 Type of bath
15 Wildebeest
16 Mass
19 An Indian of the Amazon basin
20 Downcast
21 Applaud with the hands
25 Accompanied
26 Make replete
28 Where Christ was crucified
29 Nobelist Wiesel
30 Begin or commence afresh
32 It's as good as a wink to a blind horse
36 Bohemian dance
37 Bill and ___ : whisper sweet nothings?
38 Not at home
39 Dossier
40 Religious image
41 Move freely
42 Primary Flight Display
44 Historical period
45 Society page miss

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

M	A	W			P	M	O		C	S	T	
B	I	A	S		E	A	R		O	P	I	E
A	N	Y	W	H	E	R	E		Y	U	C	K
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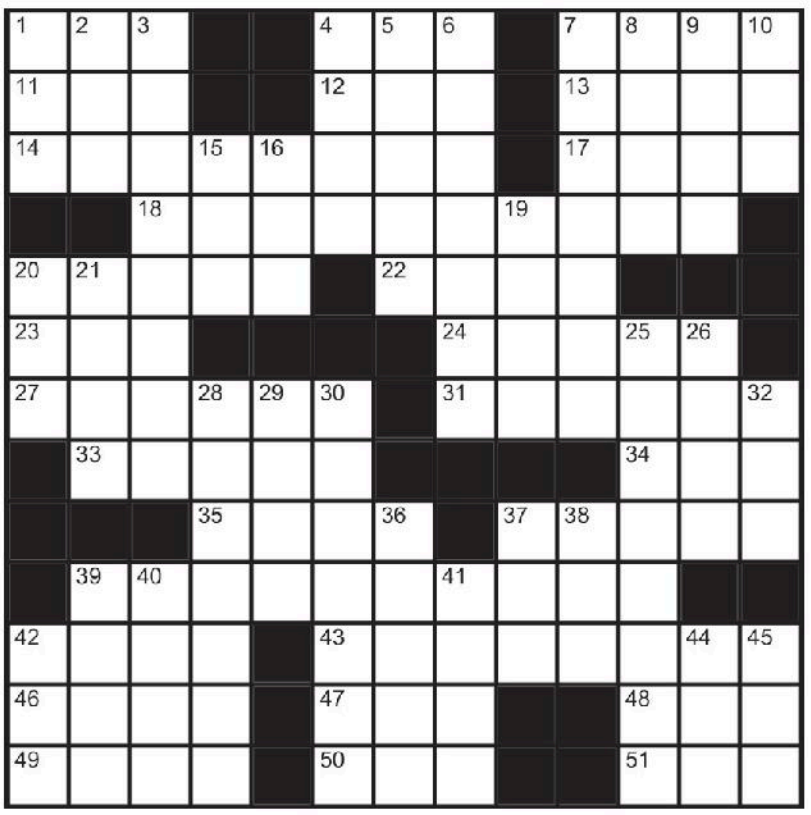

SUDOKU

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				1	7	4		
	5	3				1		
	8		6		4			
	4			8			1	
			9		1		8	
		5				3	7	
		9	5	4				
1								5

Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	7	1	6	3	8	9	2
2	8	9	7	5	4	3	1	6
1	3	6	2	8	9	5	4	7
6	1	2	9	7	8	4	5	3
9	7	8	3	4	5	2	6	1
3	5	4	6	2	1	9	7	8
8	2	5	4	1	6	7	3	9
4	9	1	8	3	7	6	2	5
7	6	3	5	9	2	1	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MC MY XJAJO CFF EHCJ CF TJ URHC IFB

ZMWRC RHAJ TJJX.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS E

Friday's Cryptoquip: Maybe the grass is greener on the other side depends who was standing in it. Sometimes you have to go over there and look.

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Kantara (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Made in Bangaluru (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Driver Jamuna (Ta)	(S-2)	2.05 pm
Lucky Lakshman (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Oh My Ghost (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Cirkus (H)	(S-3)	11.05 am
Padavi Poorva (K)	(S-3)	1.55 pm
Naanu Adhu Mathu Saroja (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Raangi (Ta)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Top Gear (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
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Jordan (K)	:	10.30 am
Once upon a time in Jamaligudda (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.30 pm 4.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Vedha (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Made in Bengaluru (K)	:	12.40 pm
Naanu Adu Mattu Saroja (K)	:	4.00 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	:	4.35 pm
Top Gear (Te)	:	6.50 pm
Djinn (M)	:	9.15 pm
Oh My Ghost (Ta)	:	9.35 pm

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	9.45 am, 10.45 am, 1.40 pm 2.40 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.35 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E)	:	2.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Once upon a time in Jamaligudda (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.50 pm 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Vedha (K)	:	11.25 am, 3.30 pm 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Cirkus (H)	:	12.00 noon
Kantara (K)	:	1.20 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	:	4.30 pm
Made in Bengaluru (K)	:	6.25 pm
Naanu Adu Mattu Saroja (K)	:	7.25 pm

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Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 1.10 pm 2.10 pm, 5.05 pm, 6.05 pm 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Once Upon a Time in Jamaligudda (K)	:	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Vedha (K)	:	12.10 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Story 1998 (K)	:	1.15 pm
Dwipatra (K)	:	3.50 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	:	6.35 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Avatar: The Way of Water (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 2.10 pm 6.05 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 5.05 pm, 9 pm
Dwipatra (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am
Vedha (K)	(S-2)	11.10 am, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	1.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Once upon a time in Jamaaligudda (K)	(S-2)	2.15 pm, 7.35 pm
Padavi Poorva (K)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Lucky Lakshman (Te)	(S-3)	10.20 pm
Raangi (Ta)	(S-3)	11.05 am
Driver Jamuna (Ta)	(S-3)	4.50 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Avatar: The Way of Water (3D-E) *(With English Atoms)*	(S-2)	11.00 am, 2.50 pm 6.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (3D-E)	(S-3)	5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (2D-E)	(S-4)	10.00 am
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	12.40 pm, 3.50 pm 7.00 pm 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am
Sembi (Ta)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Once Upon a Time In Jamaaligudda (K)	(S-1)	10.05 am
	(S-3)	3.05 pm
Alpha (K)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
Nanu Adhu Mathu Saroja (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Made in Bengaluru (K)	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Love Story 1998 (K)	(S-4)	7.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 1)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Bhoomika Association and Late Mike Chandru Geleyara Balaga:** 'Ganamanjari' music programme marking the New Year celebration, Old Kannada, Hindi and Telugu film songs will be sung by singers Srinath Bharadwaj, Dr. M.D. Srinivas, C. Vishwanath, Hamsini Kumar, Ramachandra, Divya and others, Music Director M.S. Prasanna Kumar will be present, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Jugalbandi Concert in memory of its Founder late S. Mahadevappa, Dr. Mysore Manjunath and U. Rajesh will present Violin-Mandolin Jugalbandi, entitled 'Dhanyasi', which was a favourite raga of Mahadevappa, accompanied by Bangalore V. Praveen on mridanga, Praveen Narayanan on tabla and Swaminathan Selvaganesh on kanjira, Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ashokapuram Jai Bhim Sports Club and Dream Boys Sports Club:** 205th anniversary of Bhima Koregaon, cine actor Prakash Raj inaugurates, Chamarajanagara's Nalanda Bouddha Vishwa Vidyanilaya's Bhodidatta Banteji and Urilinga Peddimutt's Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji will grace the occasion, thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara presides, critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy delivers keynote address, former Mayor Purushotham, theatre person H. Janardhan (Janni), Mysore Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy, Secretary S. Umesh, Corporator Pallavi Begum and others will participate, near Jayanagar Railway Gate, **6 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai discourse by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantaraja Urs Road, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam:** Tirupavai discourse by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamalaraman Mandira, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Bhagavadajjukeeyam arthat Soole Sanyasi', directed by Jeevan Kumar Heggod, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Chora Charanadasa,' directed by Mandya Ramesh, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation and Kaveri Natya Yoga, USA:** 'Raja Maarga,' a unique evening of dance on the compositions of Mysore Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, celebrity artistes of Mysuru — Badari Divya Bhushan, Dr. Kripa Phadke, Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Varija Nalige, Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna, Jyothi Hegde, Sindu Kiran, Dr. Anjana Bhushan, Gowri Priya and Padmini Upadhya — will present exclusive pieces from the CD 'Raja Maarga' brought out by Ananya and Dr. Sreedhar; Event is conceptualised by acclaimed Bharatanyam artistes Sreedhar Akkihebbalu, USA and Badari Divya Bhushan, Mysuru; Event will be inaugurated by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.45 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 2)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Dhanurmasa special pujas, Shattu Murai, Mahamangalarathi, **5 am to 6.30 am;** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **ISKCON Mysore:** Sri Vaikunta Ekadashi celebrations, Vaikunta Dwara Darshana, **7.30 am to 10 pm;** Sangeetotsava, ISKCON Temple, Jayanagar, **11 am to 10 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Directorate, Bengaluru:** Swaralaya Samskrutika Habba-2023, mridanga and tabla player Vid. Uday Kumar inaugurates, music teacher Vidu. Kalpana Anand chief guest, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Dr. Suma Harinath presides; Classical Vocal Concert by K.M. Ramya, accompanied by Vid. C. Chethan on violin and Vid. V. Shyam on mridanga; Staging of play 'Kumaralli Kamali Kwatle Ninga' (directed by H.S. Srikantamani), Swaralaya Secretary H.S. Srikantamani comperes, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust, Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Mysuru:** New Year Special 'Jnana Yajna,' discourse on 'Mahabharatadalli Virata Parva' by Sri Vidyadeesha Theertha Sripadaru of Sri Palimaru Mutt, Udupi, Sri Krishna auditorium, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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Kulaste family visits Mysore Palace

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